

1 BENNINGTON DEVELOPMENT REVIEW BOARD MEETING
2 BENNINGTON FIRE FACILITY
3 130 RIVER STREET
4 BENNINGTON, VERMONT 05201

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6 TUESDAY, MAY 02, 2017

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8 MINUTES
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10 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Copp-Chair; Barry Horst-Vice-Chair; Ron Alderman;
11 Charles Kokoras; Bill Barney; Jane Radocchia

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13 ABSENT: Dan Malmborg;

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16 ALSO PRESENT: Dan Monks-Zoning Administrator; Linda E. Bermudez – Recording
17 Secretary; (6) citizens

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20 At 6:30 P.M., Charlie Copp called the meeting to order.
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23 **1. MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2017**

24 There were no questions or corrections.
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26 ***Motion:*** Barry Horst motioned to accept and approve the April 18, 2017 meeting
27 minutes. Charles Kokoras seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
28 (Dan Malmborg absent)
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32 **2. INTERESTED PERSONS – APPEAL RIGHTS – READING OF WITNESS' OATH**

33 Dan Monks read the oath.
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37 **3. DISCLOSURE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND CONFLICTS OF**
38 **INTEREST**

39 None this evening.
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43 **4. GREATER BENNINGTON INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. 121**
44 **DEPOT STREET:**

45 Dan Monks stated the applicant is seeking approval for a change in use of an existing
46 building to a medical clinic and food pantry. The Application Review Panel has recommended
47 approval.

48 Charlie Gingo as a Board Member for the Interfaith Council. He stated they recently
49 purchased the building and are looking to moves several existing programs into this building.

50 Currently the Free Clinic and the Kitchen Cupboard (food pantry) operate out of the First Baptist
51 Church on Main Street. These as well as office space for personnel and eventually a multi-use
52 kitchen for cooking classes (Food Fit program) are what are planned for this new building.

53 The Board had no further questions or comments.

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55 **Motion:** *Charles Kokoras motioned to Approve the change in use as presented.*
56 *Barry Horst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Dan Malmborg*
57 *absent)*

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61 **5. TOWN OF BENNINGTON, VT AGENCY OF TRANSPORTATION, RAILROAD**
62 **CORRIDOR FROM RIVER STREET NORTH TO ROUTE 279.**

63 Dan Monks removed himself from the board to present for the Town of Bennington as
64 Assistant Town Manager. The Town is seeking approval for construction of a rail trail in a flood
65 hazard area.

66 Mr. Monks continued by stating this project has been in the works for approximately (10)
67 years. This project would remove the existing railroad railing and ties. There are three areas
68 where the existing railway crosses through flood hazard areas. There expects to be minimal
69 impact in those areas.

70 Barry Horst asked about the purpose of the trail. Mr. Monks stated it will be both a bike
71 and pedestrian pathway; paved from River Street to approximately Kocher Drive (Aldi's) then
72 gravel to the Willowbrook/Applegate area.

73 Mr. Horst then asked about funding. Mr. Monks stated that it is 90% funded (already
74 granted) through Federal and State grants. The 10% match required has already been budgeted
75 and set aside in previous budgeted year. Therefore, there expects to be no additional taxpayer
76 cost.

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78 **Motion:** *Barry Horst motioned to approve the Railroad Corridor as presented.*
79 *Ron Alderman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Dan Malmborg*
80 *absent)*

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84 **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

85 Dan Monks returned to the Board and noted there are no other meetings scheduled for
86 May 2017. The next meeting is expected in June 2017.

87 There was no other business this evening.

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90 **Motion:** *Barry Horst motioned to close the meeting. Charles Kokoras seconded*
91 *the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Dan Malmborg absent)*

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97 Linda E. Bermudez
98 Secretary